



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

At Tuesday evening's Council meeting, I made a statement regarding the terrorist attack in Israel. A copy of my statement can be viewed [here](#). A copy of my statement is also available on the Demarest website under Borough Notices on the Home Page.

I would also like to assure all of you that our Police Department is in constant contact with the governing body, Borough Administration, and our schools' Administrators to keep the lines of communication open regarding public safety. We are not aware of any threats locally and the NJ State Police, who also monitor potential threats, has advised that there are currently no concerns in our area. If we are notified of any changes to that we will advise you and take necessary precautions.

Due to the expected rains on Saturday, Oktoberfest has been postponed to Saturday 10/21 from 10am-5pm. Let's hope we finally get a sunny Saturday!

As of now, the Valley 5K run, remains scheduled to kick off this Saturday 10/14 from 8:30 AM - 10 AM. There will be **temporary road closures** during the run as follows:

Hardenburgh eastbound from Knickerbocker Rd. to Drury Ln., Hardenburgh westbound traffic will be diverted south onto Brookside Ave. Barricades will close traffic on Lenox from Knickerbocker to Brookside and on Columbus Rd. southbound traffic will be diverted from Durie Ave. onto Grove St. East on Belmar and west on Stewart you will see officers allowing local traffic only.

We recognize that there are problems with the Borough's telephone system that may make it difficult to navigate or to reach us. In September, our facilities sustained a lightning strike that has contributed to the issue. We continue to work with our phone provider and Verizon to fix the issues. However, I think it's time to replace the telephone system. I have asked the Borough's communication committee to investigate acquiring a new telephone system for the Borough. We will keep you informed. In the meantime, if you experience any telephone issues, please use email, and Borough staff will make sure they respond as quickly as they can. All staff emails can be located on our website at [demarestnj.gov](http://demarestnj.gov).

I have also asked the Ordinance Committee to review and amend, as necessary, Borough ordinances that address noise and permitted times for grass cutting, leaf blowing and construction work throughout the Borough of Demarest. We should limit the time the residents are subjected to such noise. Please be patient but know it is being worked on by the Mayor and Council.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Demarest Day** has been rescheduled for Saturday, **November 4** from noon-4pm. Fireworks are scheduled to begin at 6:45 pm.

**This week at the library:**

If you are a Yankee fan, you do not want to miss Paul Semendinger at the library on Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Paul will discuss his book *The Least Among Them: 29* players, their brief moments in the big leagues, and a unique history of the New York Yankees.

Please join us to celebrate **Diwali** with the Demarest Library on October 21st from 11-1pm, at the Demarest United Methodist Church! Registration is required by calling the library at 201-768-8714. This will be a family friendly event with food, kathak dance performance, and more!

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **661 people!** My goal is for every Demarest resident to be up to date on what is going on around town, please help with that goal by forwarding this email to your friends so they can visit [demarestnj.gov](http://demarestnj.gov) and sign up for my weekly emails! The link can be found on the Demarest homepage [[demarestnj.gov](http://demarestnj.gov)] under "Quick Links."*

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